

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended)      ~~[[In a]]~~ A coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract comprising a hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate soluble at around pH 7, an acid, a plasticizer and an anion surfactant, wherein ~~the improvement comprises a~~ the hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate ~~having~~ has an average particle size of 10  $\mu$ m or less which is dispersed at a concentration of from 2 to 20 % by weight in water, and the acid ~~being contained~~ is present in an amount of from 1 to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate.

2. (Original)      The coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to claim 1, wherein the acid is one or more of the members selected from the group consisting of citric acid, ascorbic acid, adipic acid, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, phosphoric acid, a high molecular acid, and an acidic ion exchange resin.

3. (Currently amended)      The coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to claim 2, wherein the plasticizer is triethyl citrate ~~and/or,~~ triacetin or both, and the anion surfactant is one or more of the members selected from the group consisting of sodium alkylsulfate, fatty acid sodium salt, and fatty acid potassium salt.

4. (Original)      The coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to claim 3, wherein the acid is one or more of the members selected from the

group consisting of citric acid, ascorbic acid, adipic acid, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid.

5. (Currently amended) The coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to claim 3, wherein the acid is contained in an amount of from 2 to 5 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate.

6. (Currently amended) The coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to claim 4, which comprises a hydroxypropyl ~~[[ - ]]~~ methylcellulose acetate succinate, citric acid, triethyl citrate, and sodium laurylsulfate.

7. (Currently amended) A coated granule for delivery to the large intestine, which comprises a medicament-containing granular core granule which is coated with the coating dispersion soluble in the lower digestive tract according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

8. (Original) The coated granule for delivery to the large intestine according to claim 7, wherein the medicament is cilostazol.